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FOR: EXPRESSION VECTOR CONTAINING A DRUG-RESISTANCE GENE HAVING A
DESTABILIZING SEQUENCE AS SELECTION MARKER

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May 29, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of November 25, 2002, attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents. A copy of the European Search Report for the related application EP 97947924.3 is also enclosed.

Each document was cited in the Search Report dated April 1, 2003, which was issued not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. Also enclosed is the Rule 17(p) fee.

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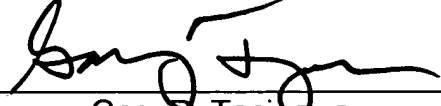
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Respectfully submitted,

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